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SUBJ: PROTECTION LAWS VOTED OVER ELECTIONS -- EEC AGREEMENT

SIGNATURE EXPECTED WITHIN ONE WEEK.

REFS: A. HELSINKI 2501 (NOTAL)

B. HELSINKI 2542 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN DECISIVE PARLIAMENTARY VOTE SEPTEMBER 28  
FINNISH COMMUNISTS HELD TO THEIR ANNOUNCED INTENTION AND PRE-  
VENTED GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ECONOMIC PROTECTION LAWS FROM BEING  
ADOPTED BY PRESENT PARLIAMENT. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN ANNOUNCED THAT  
DECISION ON SIGNING FINLAND'S TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EC WILL BE  
MADE NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3. FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN HAS  
THUS DEFERRED PLANNED OCTOBER 2 DEPARTURE FOR UN. DESPITE FUR-  
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THER DELAY DECISION EXPECTED TO BE POSITIVE WITH SIGNATURE OR

AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER. END SUMMARY.

2. FINNISH PARLIAMENT HELD THIRD AND FINAL READING ON "ECONOMIC PROTECTION LAWS" YESTERDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. THE 37 COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT VOTED AGAINST ALL THE LAWS REQUIRING A FIVE-SIXTHS MAJORITY FOR APPROVAL IN A SINGLE PARLIAMENT. TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE NEXT PARLIAMENT IS NOW REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE. ALL BUT THE INVESTMENT TAX LAW RECEIVED THIS SIZE MAJORITY IN YESTERDAY'S VOTING. GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY SEEK CERTAIN TEMPORARY ECONOMIC CONTROL POWERS AS STOP-GAP UNTIL AFTER NEXT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

3. FINAL VOTE ON PROTECTION LAWS FULFILLS GOVERNMENT'S CONDITIONS FOR DECISION ON SIGNING EC AGREEMENT. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS PRINCIPAL MOTIVE IN INSISTING ON VOTE BEFORE EC DECISION WAS TO PUT COMMUNISTS ON THE DEFENSIVE. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXPECTS TO GAIN POLITICAL SUPPORT AT EXPENSE OF COMMUNISTS ON THIS ISSUE.

4. WHILE THE DEBATE WAS GETTING UNDERWAY IN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD MAKE DECISION ON SIGNING OF E AGREEMENT NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3. DECISION HAD BEEN EXPECTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER RESULT OF VOTING WAS KNOWN. THIS FURTHER DELAY CAUSED FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN TO POSTPONE HIS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 2 DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS' GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RAISES THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER FINLAND'S INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE EC AGREEMENT HAVE CHANGED.

5. IN LOCAL CIRCLES IT IS STILL EXPECTED THAT THE FINNS WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENT. KEKKONEN MAY HAVE DELAYED THE DECISION TO LESSEN THE APPEARANCE THAT IT WAS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE FATE OF THE PROTECTION LAWS. HE HAS SAID THAT THE DECISION ON THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON FOREIGN TRADE POLICY CONSIDERATIONS ALONE AND INDEPENDENT OF INTERNAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. THE EXPECTATION THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED IS BASED SPECIFICALLY ON KEKKONEN'S ASSURANCES TO THIS EFFECT GIVEN ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO TO THE SWEDISH PEOPLE'S PARTY -- A MEMBER OF THE FOUR-PARTY COALITION GOVERNMENT -- PRIOR TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON THE PROTECTION LAWS, AND ON KARJALAINEN'S STATEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE PRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE "FINAL RESULT WILL BE GOOD". MOREOVER, AS REPORTED IN HELSINKI 2476 (NOTAL), THE GOVERNMENT HAS IN EFFECT DECIDED THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED.

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